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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G. Dolphin, Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Sanitary Inspector is also the Sanitary Surveyor for the District and acts for the County Council in the administration of the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year in the Emergency Public Health Laboratory:-

Throat Swabs	21
Rectal "	1
Faeces	5
Sputum	3
C.F.	1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of Parishes with piped water supply

(a)	from public mains	2
(b)	from private reservoirs...	1

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply... 17

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

from piped supply -	
samples from piped supply certified as satisfactory	Nil
from well supplies...	12
samples from wells certified satisfactory	1
samples from wells certified unsatisfactory	7
samples from wells certified polluted	4

The samples of well water were from:-

Caldecott 1, North Luffenham 4, Ridlington 3, Wing 4.

There were complaints of shortage of water from North Luffenham and Thorpe-by-Water.

UPPINGHAM

The town of Uppingham is supplied by the Uppingham Waterworks Company. There are a few houses not connected to the supply.

LYDDINGTON

Water is obtained in bulk from the Uppingham Waterworks Company and supplied to the public by standpipes. Twelve houses, a Hostel, the village school and two cattle troughs are connected to the supply. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Other Parishes

In the other 17 Parishes the water supply is obtained from shallow wells.

Messrs. Pick, Everard, Keay & Gimson, Civil Engineers, Leicester, have been engaged, and have made a preliminary report on a water supply for the whole of the District. A temporary scheme to improve the supply to North Luffenham by taking a supply from Messrs. Rose Woodyard, providing two standpipes in the village was approved, but the Contractor, owing to shortage of labour, has failed to carry out the work.

(11) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1944 (estimated)	79
Number of cesspools abolished during 1944.. ...	Nil

The same Engineer has been engaged to report on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the larger villages.

It is hoped that the scheme for the extension of Uppingham Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works will proceed as soon as circumstances permit.

(1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1944:-.

(a)	Privies	54
(b)	Pail Closets	918
(c)	Water Closets	650

(11) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Owing to the shortage of labour house refuse collection is carried out bi-weekly at Uppingham instead of weekly.

At North Luffenham and Morcott it is hoped to collect house refuse monthly, but owing to the reasons stated above it cannot always be carried out.

In other villages small dumps are provided which are periodically cleansed. All refuse is disposed of by dumping.

The scavenging of earth closets and dry house refuse has become a most urgent necessity and must be undertaken as soon as labour and transport are available. Unfortunately, the area and population are too small to warrant the full time employment of modern scavenging equipment.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading should be for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 10
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered 10

Nature of inspections:-

	Inspections	Re-visits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	140	176
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Food Premises	58	6
Dairies and Cowsheds	73	-
Offensive Trades	-	-
Workshops	39	-
Shops	56	-
Other premises	410	115
	776	297

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	-	6
Complied with during year	-	6
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-

Statutory Orders since 1940 (Housing)

There are 43 occupied houses on which Demolition Orders have been made and 35 have had notices served to show reason why a Demolition Order should not be made.

There are 24 unoccupied houses on which Demolition Orders have been made and 40 have had Notices served to show reason why Demolition Orders should not be made.

There are five unoccupied houses not demolished in Clearance Areas.

Some of these unoccupied houses are becoming so delapidated as to be dangerous, particularly those which abut on Public Highway, and should be demolished.

In 1939 schemes were approved or in course of preparation to recondition 16 of these houses, all were postponed, owing to the increased cost of building. I am afraid very few, if any, of the 76 houses to which these Statutory Notices relate will ever be reconditioned.

The present Grants under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act are quite insufficient to encourage owners to take advantage of this Act.

Estimates have been obtained for this kind of work ranging from £500 to £725 per cottage. Needless to say the schemes, with one exception, have been abandoned. It is evident that either Local Authorities will have to acquire such cottages and carry out reconditioning or more liberal grants will have to be made to encourage private enterprise.

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(v) REGULATED BUILDINGS

There are two van dwellers in the District

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	Cowkeepers	Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers).
Number on Register	69	Nil
Number of inspections of premises	73	Nil

No contraventions of the Order were found during the year.

Total Contraventions

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during Year.	Remedied during Year	Outstand'g 31st. Dec.
Cleansing	6	17	13	10
Structural alterations	4	11	-	15
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS, 1936 and 1938

Licences are issued by the County Council. Nine Producers are licenced under the above Order, 1936.

There are six cowsheds which have become so delapidated and require considerable reconstruction and repairs. Nine others require alterations and improvement to a lesser degree. Milk, however, from these premises compare very favourably with others.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 12 bakehouses in the District. 18 visits have been made and in three cases limewashing was necessary and in one case complaints were made regarding pig keeping which was not upheld.

The following foods were examined and found unfit for human consumption:-

3 cwt. 1 qr. 13½ lbs. sausage meat, 2 cwt. 5 stone of fish, 26½ lbs tinned meat, 16 tins fish, 59 tins of milk, 58 lbs galantine, 32 tins vegetables, 2 cwts split peas.

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 72

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 94

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932... ... ... Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 1

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year, 1944

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	17	17	-
Pneumonia	11	-	4
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Measles	1	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 & over
Scarlet Fever	1	-	2	1	2	3	1	7	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

S C A B I E S

Arrangements have been made with the Joint Committee of the Melton & Belvoir Rural District Council and the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council for the treatment of cases of Scabies in the area at the Scabies Centre, Melton Mowbray. During the year 5 cases were treated.